

Crystal Palace Saloon  
Tombstone, Cochise County  
Arizona

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Tombstone Ariz., was founded between 1878-79 as a result of the discovery of Gold by Ed Schieffelin, and had a population by 1880 of 6500 persons.

The Crystal Palace Saloon occupied a building that stood on the Northwest corner of Allen and 5th Streets and was erected by Gus Tribolet in 1880 and was a two story adobe structure, which was used as a Brewery for about a year. The building was then remodeled into a Saloon, Gambling House and Theatre, owned and operated by a B. Wehrfritz.

Most of the poorer structures built prior to 1881 were destroyed in the two conflagrations of 1881 and 1882.

The Arizona Gazett, June 1st 1882, published in Phoenix, mentions that a "G" Wehrfritz lost property valued at \$22000.00 in the fire. The initial "G" instead of "B" is probably a typographical error on the part of the paper as there is only one Wehrfritz listed in the Tombstone Directory and that is a "B", who advertised as Sole Owner and Operator of the Crystal Palace.

One of the advertisements ran thus:

CRYSTAL PALACE THEATRE.

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B. Wehrfritz, Sole Proprietor.

WIT - FUN - BUT NO VULGARITY.

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CRYSTAL PALACE SALOON

Connected with the Theatre.

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CRYSTAL PALACE GAMBLING SALOON

Corner of 5th and Allen

None but Square Gambling Allowed.

During the quiet years of the camp the Saloon served as a Movie Theatre, but some five or six years ago it was reopened by Walter Lombardi, son of a Tombstone pioneer, who carries on business over the original bar, where many notables of the Camps Book Days slacked their thirsts.

The present owner of the building housing the Crystal Palace is Mrs. Mr. Costello, of Los Angeles, Calif.

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